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17 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
18 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

19 ARTURO SALCEDO, an individual

20 Plaintiffs,

21 v.

22 NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC., a
23 California Corporation, and DOES 1
24 through 10, inclusive,

25 Defendant,

Case No. 2:22-cv-04152-GW-MAR
STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
ORDER

26 **1. INTRODUCTION**

27 **1.1 PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

28 Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted.

1 Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the
2 following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does
3 not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that
4 the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited
5 information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable
6 legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below,
7 that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential
8 information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be
9 followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from
10 the court to file material under seal.

11 1.2 GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

12 In light of the nature of the claims and allegations in this case and the parties'
13 representations that discovery in this case will involve the production of confidential
14 records, and in order to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt
15 resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately
16 protect information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the
17 parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in connection with
18 this action, to address their handling of such material at the end of the litigation, and
19 to serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in this
20 matter. The parties shall not designate any information/documents as confidential
21 without a good faith belief that such information/documents have been maintained
22 in a confidential, non-public manner, and that there is good cause or a compelling
23 reason why it should not be part of the public record of this case.

24 2. DEFINITIONS

25 2.1 Action: *Arturo Salcedo v. Nissan North America, Inc.*, Case No. 2:22-cv-
26 04152-GW-MAR

27 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation
28 of information or items under this Order.

1 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of
2 how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify
3 for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as
4 specified above in the Good Cause Statement.

5 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as their
6 support staff).

7 2.5 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or
8 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
9 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

10 2.6 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of
11 the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained
12 (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible
13 things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to
14 discovery in this matter.

15 2.7 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
16 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel
17 to serve as an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

18 2.8 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.
19 House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other
20 outside counsel.

21 2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or
22 other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

23 2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party
24 to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action
25 and have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated
26 with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes
27 support staff.

28 2.11 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,

employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).

2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this Action.

2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as "CONFIDENTIAL."

2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing Party.

3. SCOPE

The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.

Any use of Protected Material at trial will be governed by the orders of the trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

4. DURATION

Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order will remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final disposition will be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action, including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to

1 applicable law.

2 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

3 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

4 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for
5 protection under this Order must take care to limit any such designation
6 to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The
7 Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of
8 material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that
9 qualify so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or
10 communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept
11 unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

12 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations
13 that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper
14 purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose
15 unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating Party
16 to sanctions.

17 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it
18 designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must
19 promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

20 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this
21 Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as
22 otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that
23 qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated
24 before the material is disclosed or produced.

25 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

26 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents,
27 but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the
28 Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter

1 “CONFIDENTIAL legend”), to each page that contains protected material. If only a
2 portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing
3 Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate
4 markings in the margins).

5 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection
6 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated
7 which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before
8 the designation, all of the material made available for inspection will be deemed
9 “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants
10 copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or
11 portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the
12 specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the “CONFIDENTIAL legend”
13 to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the
14 material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly
15 identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the
16 margins).

17 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify the
18 Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the deposition all
19 protected testimony.

20 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for
21 any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the
22 exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend
23 “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the information warrants
24 protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, will identify the protected
25 portion(s).

26 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
27 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing
28 alone, waive the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this

Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's Scheduling Order.

6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party will initiate the dispute resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding will be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties will continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

1 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless
2 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating
3 Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated
4 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

5 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as well
6 as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary
7 to disclose the information for this Action;

8 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the
9 Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

10 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom
11 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
12 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

13 (d) the Court and its personnel;

14 (e) court reporters and their staff;

15 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional
16 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have
17 signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

18 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a
19 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

20 (h) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in the
21 Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing party
22 requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit A hereto; and (2) they will
23 not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the
24 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise
25 agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed
26 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may be
27 separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as
28 permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

(i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION

If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

(a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification will include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

(b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification will include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

(c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or court order will not produce any information designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s permission. The Designating Party will bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION

(a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the

1 remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be
2 construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

3 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce
4 a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to
5 an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential
6 information, then the Party will:

7 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party
8 that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality
9 agreement with a Non-Party;

10 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated
11 Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a
12 reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

13 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by the
14 Non-Party, if requested.

15 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court within 14
16 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may
17 produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request.
18 If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce
19 any information in its possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality
20 agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court. Absent a court
21 order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking
22 protection in this court of its Protected Material.

23 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

24 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
25 Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this
26 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in
27 writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts
28 to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or

persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL

When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order submitted to the court.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party’s request

1 to file Protected Material under seal is denied by the court, then the
2 Receiving Party may file the information in the public record unless
3 otherwise instructed by the court.

4 13. FINAL DISPOSITION

5 After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in paragraph 4, within 60
6 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must return
7 all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used in this
8 subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations,
9 summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected
10 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party
11 must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person
12 or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies (by
13 category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed
14 and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts,
15 compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the
16 Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an
17 archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing
18 transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert
19 reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such
20 materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or
21 constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in
22 Section 4 (DURATION).

23 14. Any willful violation of this Order may be punished by civil or criminal
24 contempt proceedings, financial or evidentiary sanctions, reference to
25 disciplinary authorities, or other appropriate action at the discretion of the Court.

26 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.
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1 DATED: 11/02/2022

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3 DATED: 10/25/2022

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6 FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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8 DATED: November 14, 2022

MARGO A. ROCCONI
HON. MARGO A. ROCCONI
United States Magistrate Judge

EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of _____ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on _____ [date] in the case of *Arturo Salcedo v. Nissan North America, Inc.*, Case No. 2:22-cv-04152-GW-MAR. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action. I hereby appoint _____ [print or type full name] of _____ [print or type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: _____

City and State where signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____